Decongesting city traffic in Karnataka

3592. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government have requested for special assistance for upgradation of 38 PWD Link/Arterial Roads, which are economically important, in Bangalore city for decongesting the city traffic;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether similar requests have been received from other State Governments;

(d) if so, the details in this regard and the amount sanction therefor; and

(e) the Central Government's response to the Karnataka's proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Karnataka Government has sought assistance for upgradation of 38 roads of economic importance around Bangalore in form of one time assistance amounting to Rs. 516.00 crore from Planning Commission.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Above 38 roads are not National Highways and as such State Government is primarily responsible for their development and maintenance. The Planning Commission has intimated that the proposal of Government of Karnataka has been examined by them but Additional Central Assistance (ACA) is not available for funding the said proposal. Planning Commission has further stated that State Government should explore the possibility of getting the same funded through National Urban Renewal Mission.

Funds allocated for repair of damaged NHs in Andhra Pradesh

3593. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 14 National Highways have been damaged in Andhra Pradesh due to recent incessant rains and floods in 2005;

(b) the measures Government have taken to restore filling of pot holes, patch repairs, repair of cross drainage works, etc.;

(c) the amount that has been allocated and released for the repair of these 14 National Highways; and